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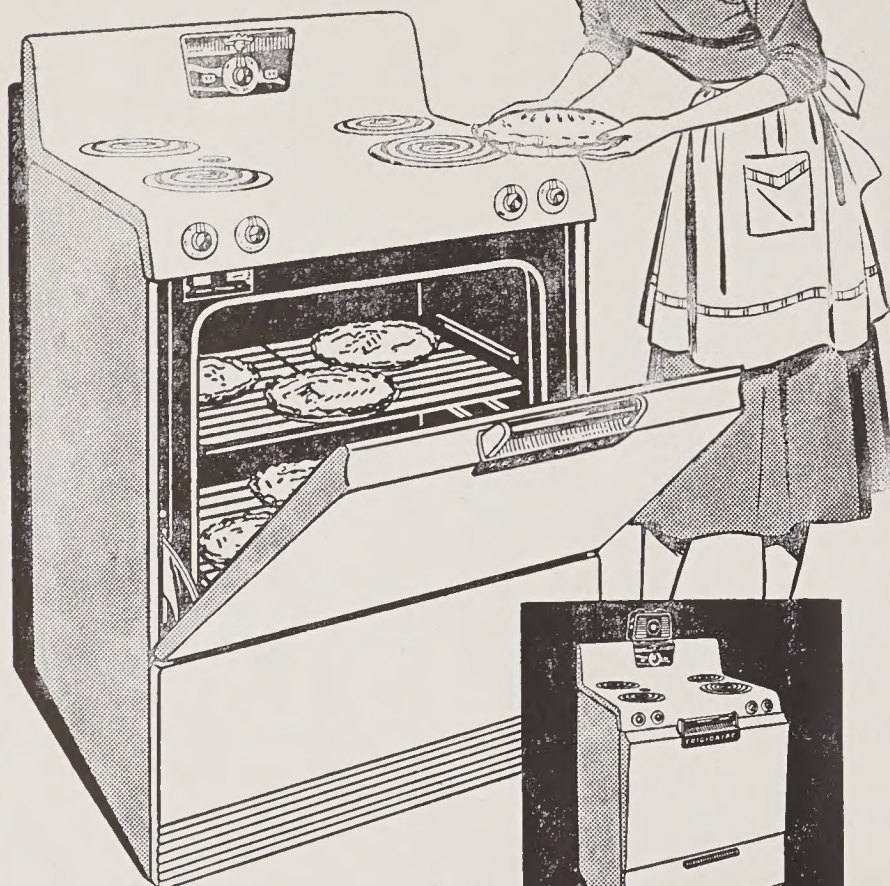
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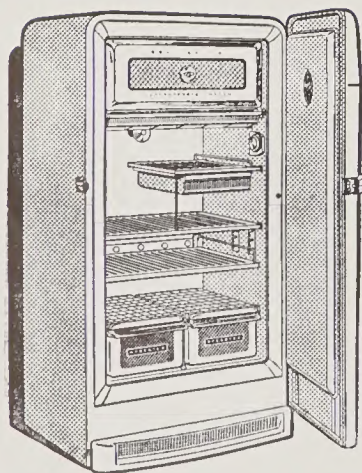
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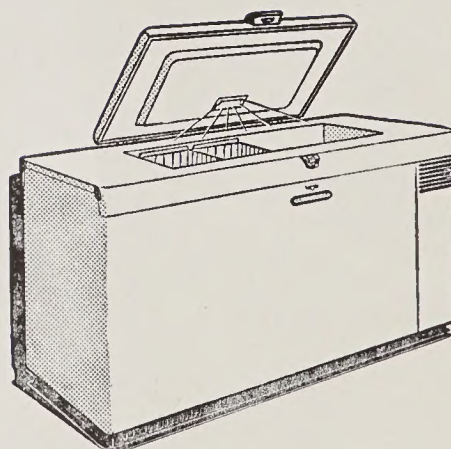
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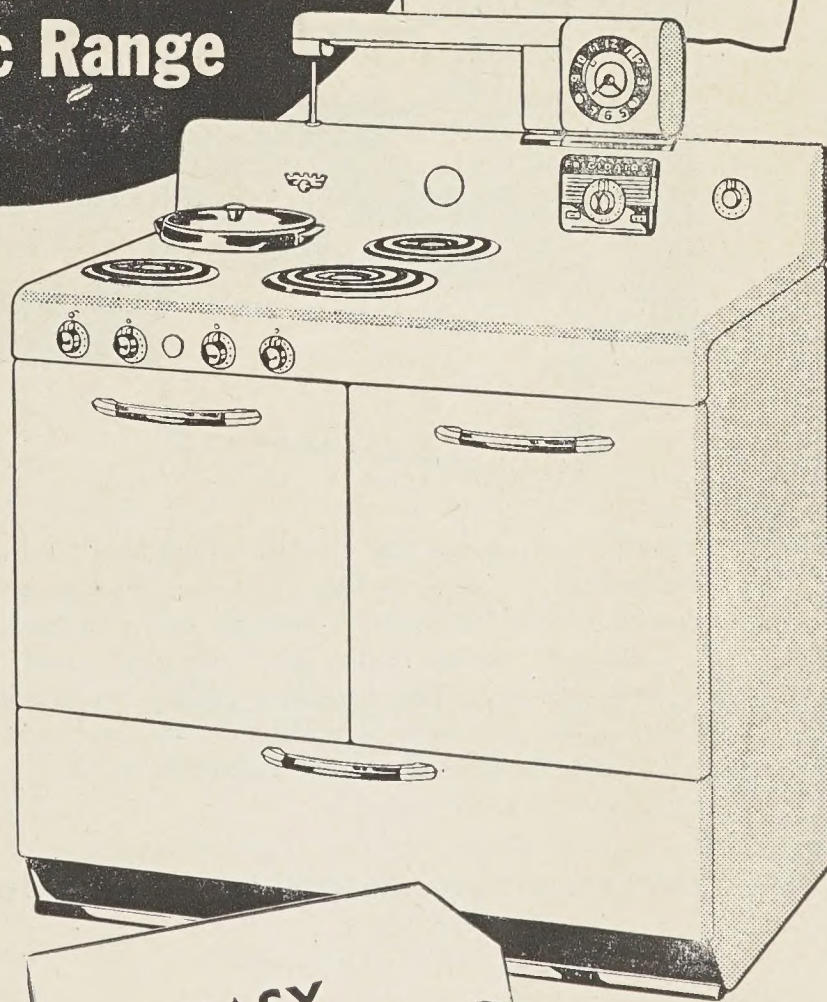
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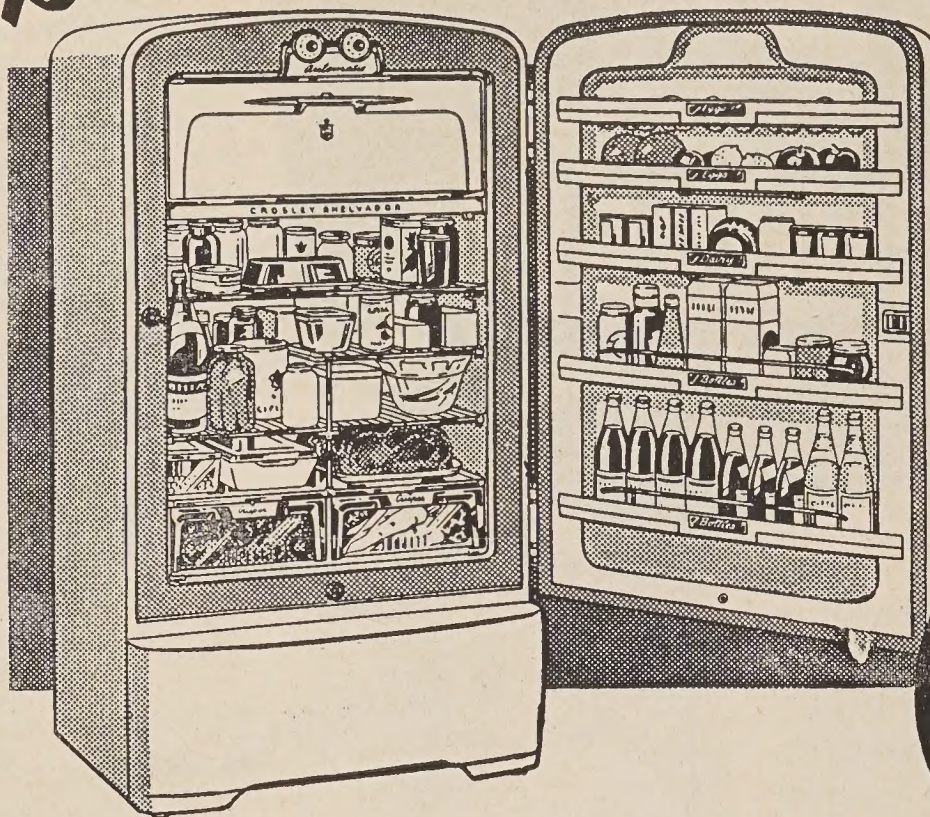
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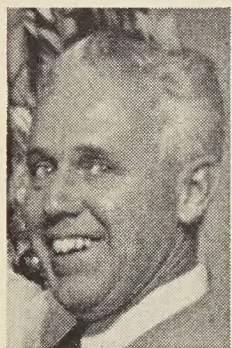


# WATTS COOKING

By NICK and the STAFF

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY . . .** Raleigh is packed with representatives of your 1951 General Assembly. Beginning this month we are starting a column (page 7) concerning the doings of the legislature. This new column is being written exclusively for your REA state magazine by Scott Summers, well known Capital



"Nick" Nicholson

City columnist and former Associated Press staff writer. Mr. Summers possesses a unique talent for digging out news of action in the General Assembly and explaining in simple language how certain legislation will affect you and other members of REA financed electric distribution systems. We feel certain you will like Mr. Summers' column and we hope you will follow it from month to month while the law makers are in town.

**NEW PICTURE . . .** It has again become necessary for me to change my picture that we use with this column. Our printer advised that the old one was worn out and that it would have to be replaced. He also mentioned that he was tired of looking at it and hoped that the new one would be more cheerful. Well . . . about the most cheerful picture of myself that I could find was one of my young son and me in the process of trimming the Christmas tree in our home. I simply asked the engraver to "take out" my head and there it is. Now the printer says I'm facing the wrong way. I guess there is no pleasing some people . . . But, I'm afraid the thing does look like me.

**LAYING BRICKS . . .** Reckon I've always liked the story of the traveler who was walking along the road one day when he noticed some men at work. He stopped to ask one of the bricklayers what he was doing. "I am working for Smith & Company," the man replied.

Not satisfied with the answer, the stranger went to another bricklayer and asked the same question. With a look that plainly showed he felt the traveler's question was stupid, this one replied, "I am laying brick, of course."

This still did not satisfy the traveler and he tried again on another bricklayer. This one answered proudly, "I am building a cathedral."

Maybe we kinda sneer at those first two workmen for not seeing any farther than their paycheck or the thing they were doing at the moment. But it appears to me that we are all a mite like them.

You try asking a few of your fellow members of the rural electric system what they are doing when they send a check into the co-op each month. Some of them will say they are paying their bill so they won't be bothered with nagging letters and penalties. Some of them will say they are paying for the electricity they used last month.

But you my prize cow against last week's newspaper that you won't find many who will say, "We farmers around here are serving ourselves with electricity and paying for a multi-million dollar electric system which our children will own without owing a nickel on it." We're building something almost as permanent as a cathedral, but mostly we don't realize it.

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## OUR FRONT COVER

Man oh man, what makes for better eating than a sizzling drumstick? Our five-year-old on this month's cover took time out from his chores to model one of the farmyard's tastiest delicacies—fried chicken. Raising chickens is money in the pocket for a lot of North Carolina farmers, too.

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Rose Hill . . . I received the wonderful Bible you sent me. I was more than glad to receive it. I'm hoping and praying your co-op members will continue to do well in business. May the Lord bless you all each day of your life throughout the coming years.—Margaret Ray.

Burgaw . . . I received the Bible yesterday and words cannot express my deep appre-

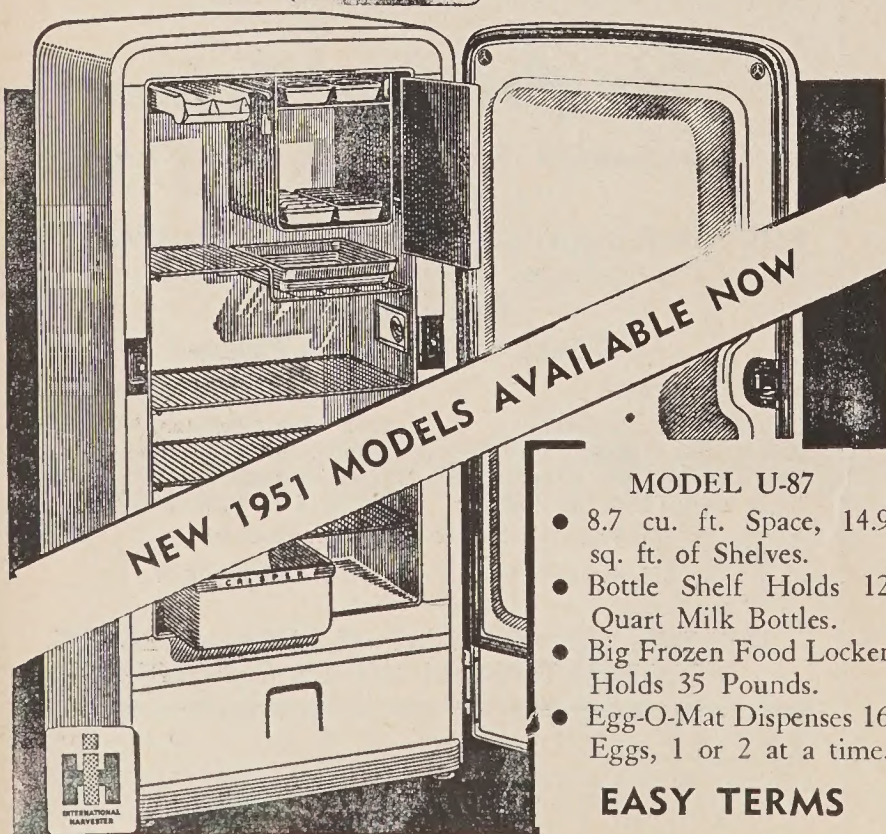
ciation. It is a lovely Bible. I was surprised at it being so nice and large. Thanks again very much.—G. Stokes.

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Marshville . . . Many thanks for the Holy Bible I received a few days ago. It is the nicest gift I have ever received. May God's richest blessings be yours.—Mrs. W. H. Jordan, Rt. 1.

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# LEGISLATIVE CHATTER

By  
**SCOTT  
SUMMERS**

Conservative, economy forces are in the saddle in the 1951 General Assembly, but they may find a few burrs underneath that saddle before adjournment.

Senator Grady Rankin of Gaston, who could hardly be classed a liberal, has called for re-examination of the unspent \$30,000,000 authorized in 1947 and 1949 for permanent improvements. He and fellow conservatives apparently want to whittle enough from this money to keep from boosting taxes in any shape.

House Speaker Frank Taylor of Wayne, no free-spender himself, has named "no more tax" exponents Larry Moore of Wilson and E. T. Bost of Cabarrus chairmen of the House appropriations and finance committees, respectively. Economy-minded John Larkins of Jones drew the Senate appropriations chairmanship, and hold-the-line Senator J. Hampton Price of Rockingham was tabbed finance committee boss.

All generally are committed to sticking as closely as possible to the \$303,000,000 General Fund budget recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission. Likewise they just naturally don't like the idea of any increase in taxes.

**More Cash Needed** Governor Kerr  
**For State Services—Gov.** Scott called for another \$38,000,000 to be added to the budget to provide for what he considered necessary services and expenses.

Scott said the money is needed to raise teacher pay to a \$2,200-\$3,100 minimum for "A"-grade teachers; continue merit pay raises for state employees; provide state aid for building local hospitals; supplement permanent improvements already authorized; and better treatment and care for patients in mental hospitals.

The governor recommended lifting of exemptions—at least from everything except basic foods—from the sales tax and restoration of the theater tax in order to get the money.

Conservative leaders generally were surprised at Scott's requests at first. They thought he was "milder than usual." They favored doing the things he recommended, but they didn't like the idea of boosting taxes. They thought he had lost his steam, and saw visions of the conservative forces again taking charge of the Democratic party in 1952.

But when they studied his message further, they got the uneasy feeling that the

man from Haw River had out maneuvered them again. If they went along with his recommendations, the liberals could use that as an argument for leaving them in power come next election. If they refused to go along with him—and the voters grew irked over a cut in state services—it would make powerful political propaganda for the liberals in the next election. They suddenly realized they would have to walk a mighty tight rope to gain any political ground.

Meanwhile, there was an indication that the joint finance committee would be this session's hot-spot—replacing the 1949 joint appropriations committee as the big battleground.

**Finance Committee**  
**Appointments Announced** Reps. John Umstead of Orange, Roy Taylor of Buncombe and Roger Kiser of Scotland who, along with Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax, battled for larger appropriations for teachers and schools, this time found themselves shunt-

(See CHATTER, page 15)

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# COBLES OF RANDOLPH COUNTY SAY "NOTHING LIKE DAIRYING"

A DAIRY farm, nestled cozily among the sway-back ridges of southeast Randolph County was literally sparked to life by the coming of electricity exactly 11 years ago this month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Coble, Garfield and Mary to their friends, are joint owners and operators of a 25-head dairy farm located in the Kempmill section of Grant Township. Like dozens of their neighbors just prior to World War II the Cobles read their Bible by oil lamps, cooked on a black coal range, tossed hay and ground feed by muscle power and milked their few cows by hand. Although the 146 acres of undulating farm land owned by the Cobles provides a comfortable living, it was a strong temptation, prior to power, to shuck the hard work connected with dairying and take up a less strenuous line. That, of course, was before trucks of the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation chugged up the hill to the Coble place and began to set poles and lace the countryside with copper wire. Electricity was on the way and Mrs. Coble recalls the day vividly. She was flat on her back in bed suffering through a severe case of pneumonia. And just to make matters worse crews from the cooperative were dynamiting holes outside her bedroom window. However, Mrs. Coble took the noise and confusion with what little cheer she could muster under the circumstances. Here at last was electricity which she knew meant a shift to higher production and easier living for her husband and herself.

## Appliances Installed

And it wasn't long after the power arrived that the Coble farm home began to blossom forth with a variety of electric appliances. An electric range replaced the faithful, but inefficient, old coal stove. Next in quick order came a deep freeze, washing machine, milker, water heater and automatic pumping system. Mrs. Coble was emphatic in her regard for electric appliances. "They are the cheapest and best hired hands we have," she said. The neighborhood in general echoed her sentiments for the electrification of the area was completed in 1940 under the direction of the EMC's former manager, J. T. Mason and J. E. Irvine, superintendent of construction for the Perkins Barns Construction Company. Statistically an 11 pole tap was erected for the Cobles which brought electricity tumbling into their farm ready to twist motors, wash clothes, pump water, broil steaks and milk the cows.

## Milk Twice A Day

"Milk is our bread and butter," Mr. Coble told Electrification Advisor Quinton Hussey. "And milking 20 to 25 cows every day would amount to right smart a chore if it wasn't for electricity," he added. An electric milking machine is a prized piece of apparatus around the Coble farm. Mr. Coble insisted he wasn't going to milk three times a day as a number of his associates were doing. "Twice a day is a plenty," he remarked, "because if any more records are set we want 'em to be on a twice-a-day basis."



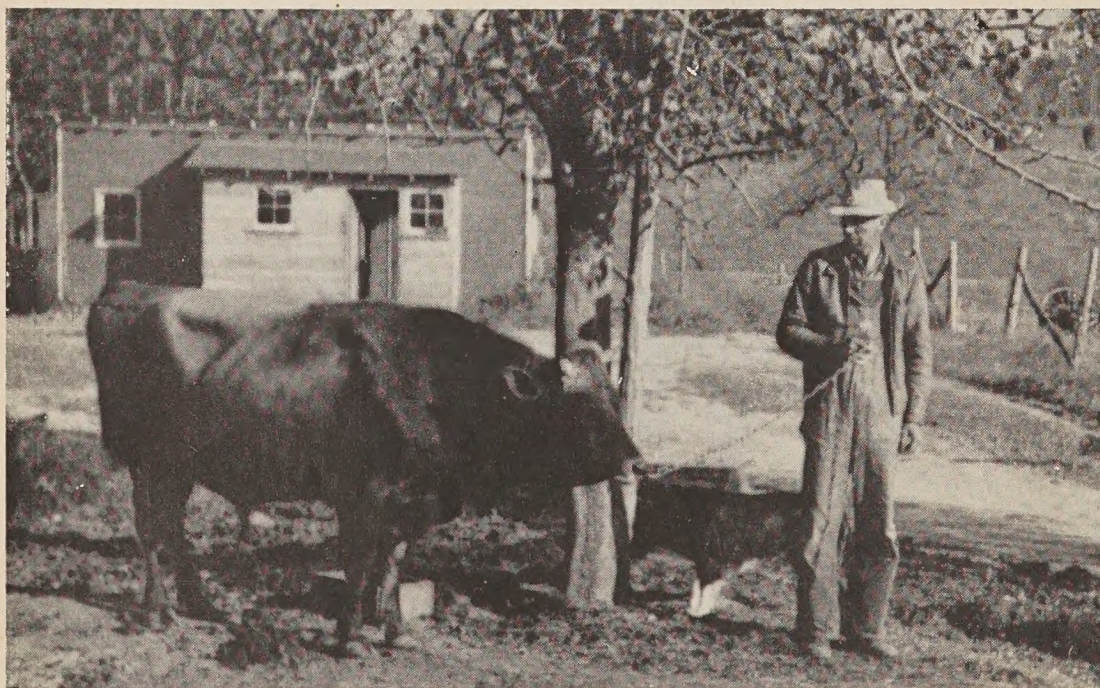
Mrs. Coble, the former Mary Wright, remembers vividly the day electricity came to her farm.

Speaking of records, one of the Coble's cows, a noble animal bearing the distinctive name Robin Gamboge Grace, established a near record for milk production during October of last year. She produced, and it's recorded officially, 1330 pounds of milk which tested a whopping good 77.1 per cent butterfat.

Quietly munching silage a short distance away were two other Coble bovines which established proud production peaks—O'Susie Robinette with 1274 pounds and Mountain Foxy O'Grady with 1206 pounds of milk let down during the same period Robin Gamboge Grace was going all out. The Coble's entire herd is composed of registered Jerseys.

Cloverbrand Dairy of High Point processes about 60 gallons of pure sparkling milk from the Coble farm every day. The key to their relatively low production stems from a shortage of farm labor. "Hands are scarce these days and come pretty high priced," says Mr. Coble. "My wife and I do nearly all the work there is done around here and we still find more than two people can handle."

Customary farm chores are de-emphasized from necessity in the Coble's operations because of a rigid routine with the cows. Milking time twice a day is conducted on an inflexible schedule according to Mr. Coble. In fact he contends the cows know as well when milking time comes around as he does. In between times the beautiful tan and white animals graze peacefully on the slopes and valleys of the Coble farm. At evening round-up Mr. Coble's shaggy Collie lights out, on his own hook, for the pasture. Accompanied by frenzied yips he fast shuffles the melancholy herd into parade formation and with tail wagging furiously ambles alongside the slow moving creatures to the barn.



Mr. Coble readies his prize bull—Biltmore Dandy Draconis—for the Carolina Farmer's camera.



## LOOKING AHEAD:

# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM TOBACCO IN 1951

**W**HAT does the future hold for the flu-cured and burley tobacco grower? The flu-cured grower has few worries except those over which he has considerable control, while the burley grower is faced with a large surplus in stocks and a diminishing market for some of the products in which burley is used. However, a pessimistic attitude for the future outlook for the tobacco industry is not substantiated by the facts. First, let's look at the future for the flu-cured grower. Almost every year our flu-cured tobacco crop makes some sort of record. The season just ended made a record with the highest average price ever received by growers—\$55 per hundred pounds for more than 1,235 million pounds. Due to good seasons and improved fertilization practices 1948 gave us the highest yield per acre in history (1,233 pounds); 1946 gave us the largest acreage (1,188,000 acres) and also the largest production (1,352 million pounds). These figures prove the growers can produce and will produce any amount of tobacco that the domestic and foreign markets can use at a fair price.

### Fag Consumption Up

Domestic uses of flu-cured tobacco in manufactured products reached an all time high in 1950, due primarily to sharply increased cigarette consumption. Per capita use of cigarettes reached a peak of 2,384 pieces, or seven pounds of tobacco for every man, woman and child in the United States. Domestic manufacturers used 722 million pounds of our flu-cured crop during 1950, while exports reached 446 million pounds. A total usage of 1,168 million pounds has only been exceeded once—in 1946 when heavy exports directly after the war went to replenish depleted stocks in foreign countries.

An airtight acreage control program, voted in by the growers and under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture, Production and Marketing Administration, guarantees sufficient acreage to meet the poundage required, while the stabilization program guarantees price support that assures the grower a fair price. Under the crop control program growers are geared to produce any amount of quality tobacco that is needed to supply the foreign and domestic demand in 1951. Thanks to the efforts of the Experiment Stations in the development and improvement of disease resistant varieties of high quality leaf preferred by the manufacturers and exporters—to the Extension Service in passing along to growers the information gained in improved cultural practices, harvesting and curing—to the Entomology Departments in the con-

**By W. P. Hedrick**  
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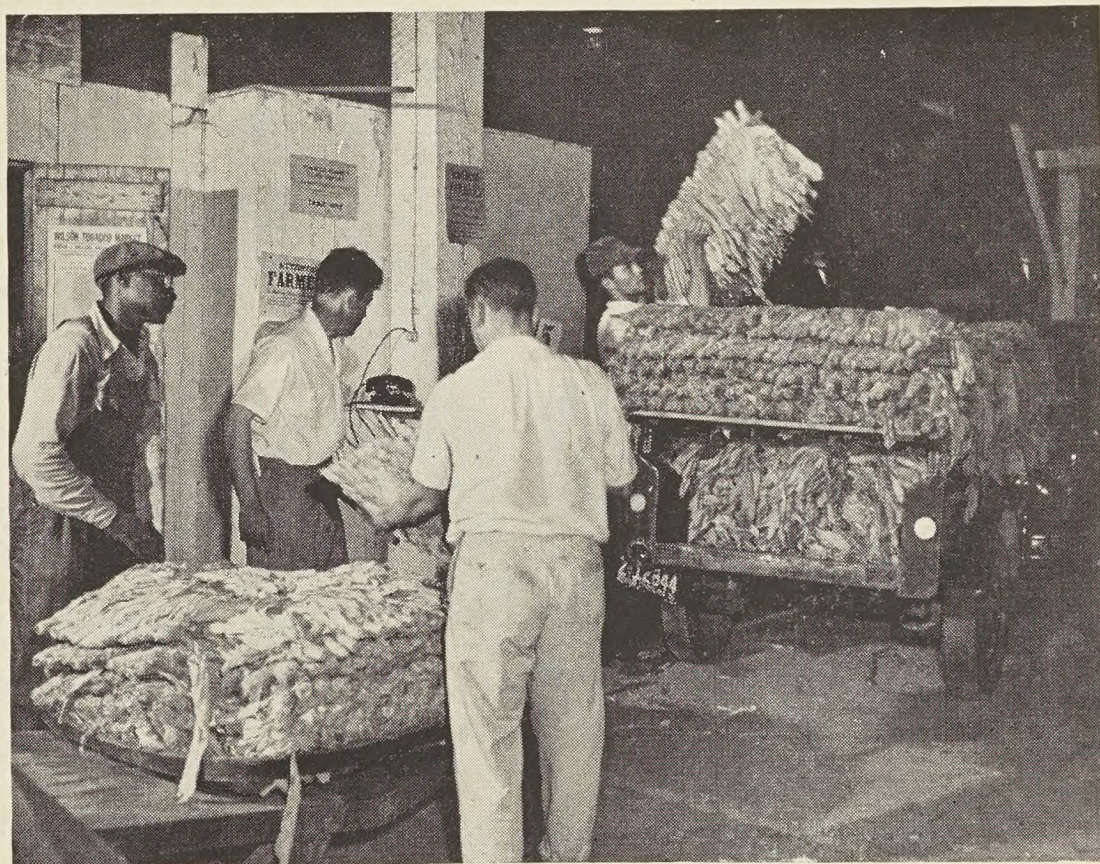
trol of insects and worms; also, to the Pathology Departments in the control of fungus and virus diseases. All these agencies have contributed to the growers assurance that sufficient tobacco can be produced.

According to the latest reports, stocks of flu-cured tobacco are at a near record level. However, domestic consumption of cigarettes is steadily increasing. During the first nine months of 1950 the gain was 1.7 per cent and the increase is expected to

more for the '51 crop. The one dark spot in this picture as far as the manufacturers are concerned is the export of manufactured products. During the year 1949 approximately 25 billion cigarettes were exported. The Philippine Republic, our principal foreign customer since the war, has placed import restrictions on the manufactured product. However, that country has recently purchased large quantities of flu-cured leaf which has partly off-set the loss in manufactured sales.

### Exports May Increase

Exports are expected to hold at present levels or possibly increase some from the 446 million pounds exported last year. More and more foreigners are turning to the



Tobacco growers in 1950 produced enough of the golden weed to supply every man, woman and child in the United States with seven pounds of tobacco. Signs at the beginning of the '51 season indicate that they will be able to surpass, if necessary, the tremendous production record posted last year.

continue into 1951. Shipments to the Armed Forces, the step-up in defense activity at a time when income and employment are already high will assure large cigarette consumption, even with recent advances in cigarette prices.

Wholesale and retail prices of cigarettes were advanced in July. Manufacturers raised their prices 25 cents per thousand cigarettes, while retailers generally went up 1 cent per package. It is estimated that cigarettes will cost the American consumer about 125 million dollars more per year. These price raises should enable the manufacturer to pay the growers as much or

use of cigarettes in which flu-cured tobacco is used. In spite of rumors that we are losing our export trade, we have shipped overseas in 1950 more than 100 million pounds in excess of average annual exports before the war. Our largest customer, the United Kingdom, bought about 135 million pounds out of the 1950 crop. At the present rate of consumption the British have on hand stocks sufficient for about one year. This means the British should be back strong during the 1951 season. This will bolster the price of many grades of export type leaf that suffered during the 1950 season.



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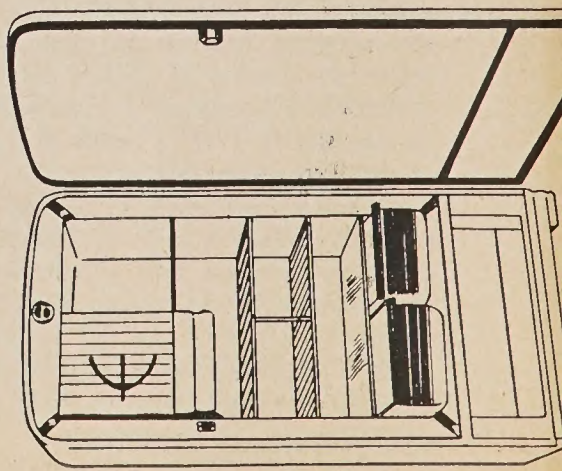
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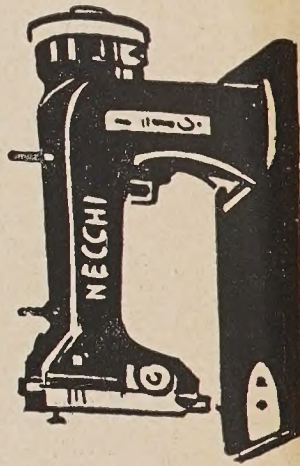


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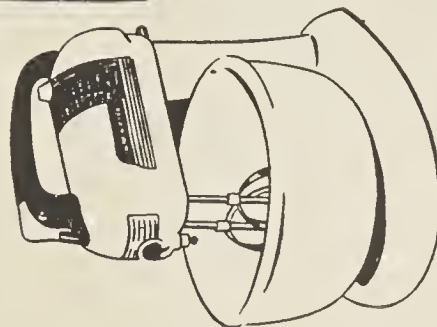


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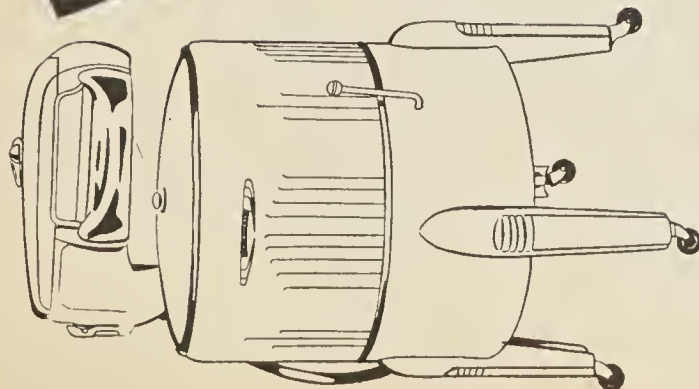
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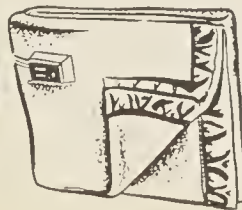
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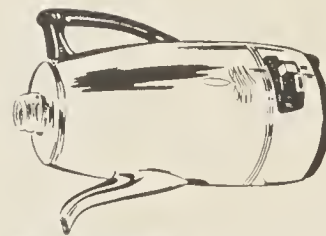
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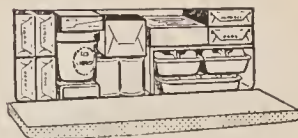
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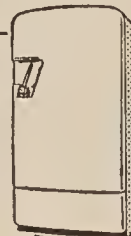


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Try making a great to-do about finding some guest who has never told a lie—or not very many anyway. Christen him George or her Georgette—with appropriate ceremony and all. Seat “George” in state before the group and ignore him for five minutes while he manufactures the hugest prevarication he can. Then he must tell the group his falsehood, making it last five minutes by the clock. The prevaricator will find that five minutes can be an endless time while the hilarious group will think it far too short.

Serve cherry shortcake or cherry tarts for refreshments:

## Cherry Shortcake a la Mode

### Red Cherry Sauce

1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon grated
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cherry juice,	lemon rind
drained from can-	Pinch of salt
ned or frozen	2 cups pitted, can-
cherries	ned or frozen
1 tablespoon lemon	cherries
juice	

Combine sugar and cherry juice in saucepan. Heat to boiling and cook until syrup spins a thread, about 5 minutes. Add lemon juice, grated rind, salt and cherries. Remove from heat and cool. Serve over ice cream. Serves 6.

### Sponge Cake

4 eggs, separated	1 teaspoon baking
1 cup sugar	powder
5 tablespoons water	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 cup sifted cake	1 teaspoon lemon
flour	juice or vanilla

Beat egg whites until they form peaks. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  the sugar, a tablespoon at a time, beating between each addition to blend thoroughly. Beat yolks until light and lemon colored. Add sugar and water and beat. Fold egg yolk mixture into egg whites. Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Fold flour into egg mixture. Add flavoring and blend. Pour into a shallow cake pan which has been buttered and lined with waxed paper. Bake 15 minutes in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F.; cool.

Cut cakes into squares, top with ice cream. Add another cake square and add more ice cream on top. Serve with cherry sauce. Serves 6.

### Sweet Cherry Tarts

2 cups whole sweet	3 tablespoons flour
cherries or canned	1 tablespoon butter

## PLAN A WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



cherries	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon almond
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup water	extract
$\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar	6 baked tart shells

Bring cherries and water to boil in saucepan (if fresh cherries are used) and simmer ten minutes. Or heat canned cherries. Combine sugar and flour. Add a

little of the hot juice, stirring to make a paste. Add to cherries in saucepan and cook over low heat until thick and smooth. Add butter and flavoring. Cool. Pour into cooled baked tart shells. Garnish with sweetened whipped cream. Makes 6 servings.

## KITCHEN HINTS

Chopped meat spoils more readily than plain cuts. Use as soon as possible after purchase.

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To make a little meat go a long way, combine it with meat extenders, such as rice, macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, cracker or bread crumbs, vegetables and cereals.

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To avoid waste in measuring shortening, use the water-level method. For example, if you need  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup shortening fill a measuring cup to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark with water. Drop in shortening, push it under the water; continue until water reaches the 1-cup mark. Drain off the water. For  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of shortening, start with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water; for  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup, start with  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup of water, and so on.

To keep egg yolks fresh for several days, cover with cold water and store in refrigerator.

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To use up leftover egg yolks, poach them until firm, then cool and put through sieve. Nice for salads, soup garnishes, canapes.

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Here's a French secret for perfect poached eggs. Add a tablespoon of vinegar and some salt to the water. Stir the boiling water with a spoon until you have a whirlpool in the center. Slip the egg from a saucer into whirlpool and keep stirring gently until the egg is cooked to your delight.

A little oatmeal adds much flavor and richness when used as a thickener for soups. Try it.



# ELECTRIC CO-OPS IN ACTION



## ELECTRIFICATION ADVISORS MEET

Did you know that the light from lamps can be increased simply by arranging for better reflection? Do you know what happens when you overload your wiring system? Do you know what happens to your electric motor when the voltage is too low?

These questions and many others having to do with proper and adequate wiring of the farm and farm home were topics for discussion when the Electrification Advisors and Home Economist (shown in the picture above) held their regular quarterly conference in Raleigh in January.

Dave Weaver, director of Extension N. C. State College and A. M. Blakeney, REA wiring specialist headed a group of experts who lead discussions in every possible phase of home and farm wiring.

Representing 16 progressive REA financed electric distribution systems, the Home economists and Electrification Advisors meet quarterly to discuss with experts the problems most common to the members they serve. The best possible use of electricity on the farm and in the home is the goal of all member-owned cooperatives and these specialists are constantly attempting to increase their knowledge of these vital subjects so they can pass it on to their members.

Electrification Advisors and Home Economists spend all their time among the members looking for ways to be of service. They are equipped to solve many problems that confront the co-op members in the use of electricity and are delighted to be of service. Cooperation on the part of co-op members is essential to their jobs. Members are urged to avail themselves of this service provided by your cooperative for you without cost.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

A strong delegation of representatives of North Carolina's REA financed rural electric systems attended the eighth annual convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Cleveland,

Ohio, on January 29-30-31 and February 1. Lee Hatley, National Committeeman from North Carolina headed the group. Almost 5,000 rural electric leaders from all parts of the country attended the convention and took an active part in the proceedings. Most of the problems had to do with farm electrification programs brought on by the national emergency.

The national emergency has already brought on a number of serious problems in the rural electrification field, the delegates were told. Materials shortages, particularly aluminum and copper, will almost bring construction programs in North Carolina and other states to a halt, and hinder maintenance unless some system of priorities is set up, principal speakers stated.

Presentation of problems by individual delegates and the discussion of such problems by groups and power experts consumed most of the four day convention. Claude R. Wickard, REA Administrator and former Secretary of Agriculture lead a group of experts in the field of rural electrification. Several national political leaders were on hand to discuss the effects on the electrification of the nation's farms.

### CHEAP HELP

Sing a song of volts and amps  
That make the light bulbs glow,  
That make the coffee makers perc,  
And makes the motors go.

Look around your farmstead  
Where you use this magic power  
What other worker could you hire  
At such low pay per hour?—Anon.

This was the ninth annual meeting of the National Rural Electrical Cooperative Association, an organization of almost 900 rural electric systems serving almost three million American farms, churches, schools and businesses.

NRECA was organized in 1942 by the rural electric systems to solve some of the problems of extending electric lines to more farms and give better service to those

already being served. It has set up a retirement and insurance program for rural electric system employees, worked with manufacturers in getting more supplies and better service in rural areas, fought for retention of the right of farmers to generate their own power and led efforts to develop more of the water power resources of the nation.

NRECA with headquarters in Washington, D. C., is governed by a board of directors, one elected to head each state. This is the same procedure followed by REA financed electric distribution systems in North Carolina.

## Go "All Electric" The Modern Way

1. Only electricity can do all the jobs—cook, wash clothes and dishes, heat water, refrigerate, iron, clean, heat, provide radio news and entertainment, pump water, milk cows, grind feed, fill haymows, warm brooders, light the barns and hen houses and on and on for 200 other chores.

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3. Electricity alone does the jobs more economically. Anyone who buys complete electrification gets the benefit of substantial savings in lower rates for larger usage. He does not get this economy if he pays top rates for several services based on limited use of each.

In addition to its economy, electricity is clean, cool, convenient, dependable, safe and modern.

Remember that electricity is applied directly to its job and is therefore, more efficient in the use of its BTU's than any competing fuel. In these particular uses electricity is more efficient than LP-gas in the following ratios: range cooking 3 to 1; water heating, 1.9 to 1; and refrigeration 10 to 1.

## New Mailing Lists

The office of your state magazine here in Raleigh has sure been humming with activity during the past month. On December 19 the new Tar Heel Electric Membership Association was formed. As a result of that action six more co-ops began to receive the magazine. Beginning with the January issue, members of the following co-ops began receiving your state magazine for the first time: Davidson, Tri-County, Pitt-Greene, Surry-Yadkin, Central, and Roanoke. The co-ops are all in addition to the co-ops we have been serving in the past. We are happy to have these new folks on our list.



## CHATTER

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ed to the finance committee. Legislative leaders apparently felt they could do little harm there.

Ordinarily, the appropriations committee fixes expenditures and then the finance committee acts to find the money.

With these four warhorses on the battle-front, however, there is a chance they will try to raise the money first then tell the appropriations committee "here it is, boys, you spend it."

There seems little likelihood of any legislation being offered that would affect Rural Electric Associations. None of the law-makers seem so inclined, but it's one of those things you have to watch right down to adjournment.

The governor's recommendations that all utilities should be made to get franchises that would specifically designate their areas of operation has drawn quite a bit of conversation. There is some talk that it might include REA, but the general feeling is that such legislation would not affect the cooperatives.

Here's a list of predictions on this General Assembly's actions:

1. Again refuse to call for a state-wide liquor referendum. Main reason: a state-wide dry vote would mean looking for another \$8,000,000 to replace booze tax income.

2. Defeat for motor vehicle inspection legislation. Big-city editors clamor for it, but the folks back home don't want it.

3. Put the \$2,200-\$3,100 teacher pay scale on the contingency basis—they'll get it "if" there is a surplus.

4. Whack enough money from the \$30,000,000 unspent permanent improvements allocations to restore the merit pay raises and maybe build a psychiatric unit at the University of North Carolina.

5. Refuse to pass stream pollution measure—too much high powered lobbying plus a distaste for creating power-laden commissions.

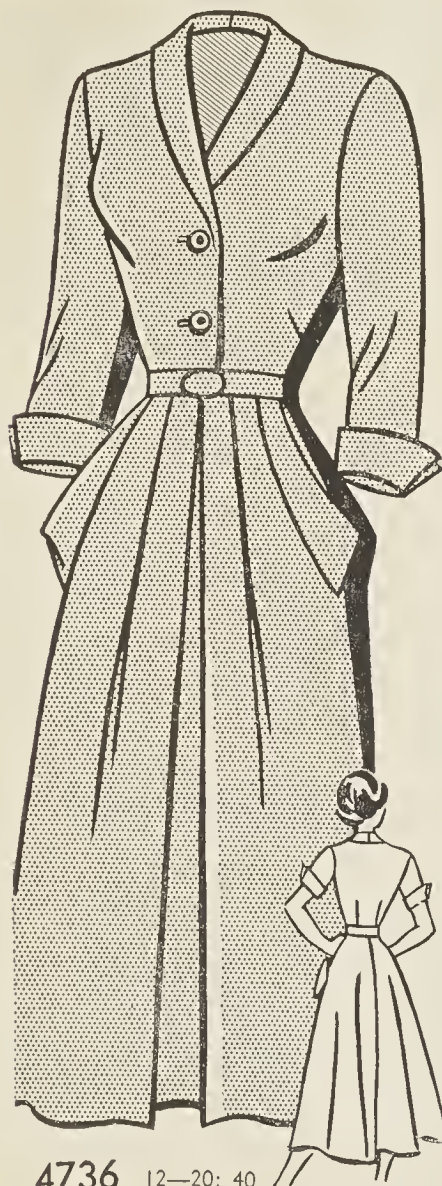
6. Add 105 men to the Highway Patrol, with the money to come from the fat highway fund.

7. Refuse to eliminate sales tax exemptions. May do away with the \$15-maximum tax on a single sale.

8. Probably refuse to set up a commission to study state government with a view to consolidating and saving where possible. Such commissions in the past have resulted in no changes. Furthermore, an honest study would result in recommending elimination of some state jobs. Since conservatives hope to be back in power come 1952, they would like to have as many jobs to hand out as possible.

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**Will State Income Tax Revenue Be Up?**

The legislature probably will not end before mid-March or later. The main reason for this is that it will be that long before a fair picture of income tax revenues will be available. If this tax income is up, it could cause an upward revision of estimated revenues for the next biennium, and that would affect appropriations greatly.

You can count on the legislature waiting and hoping for such a revision, hoping that it will be enough so they won't be put on the spot about upping taxes.

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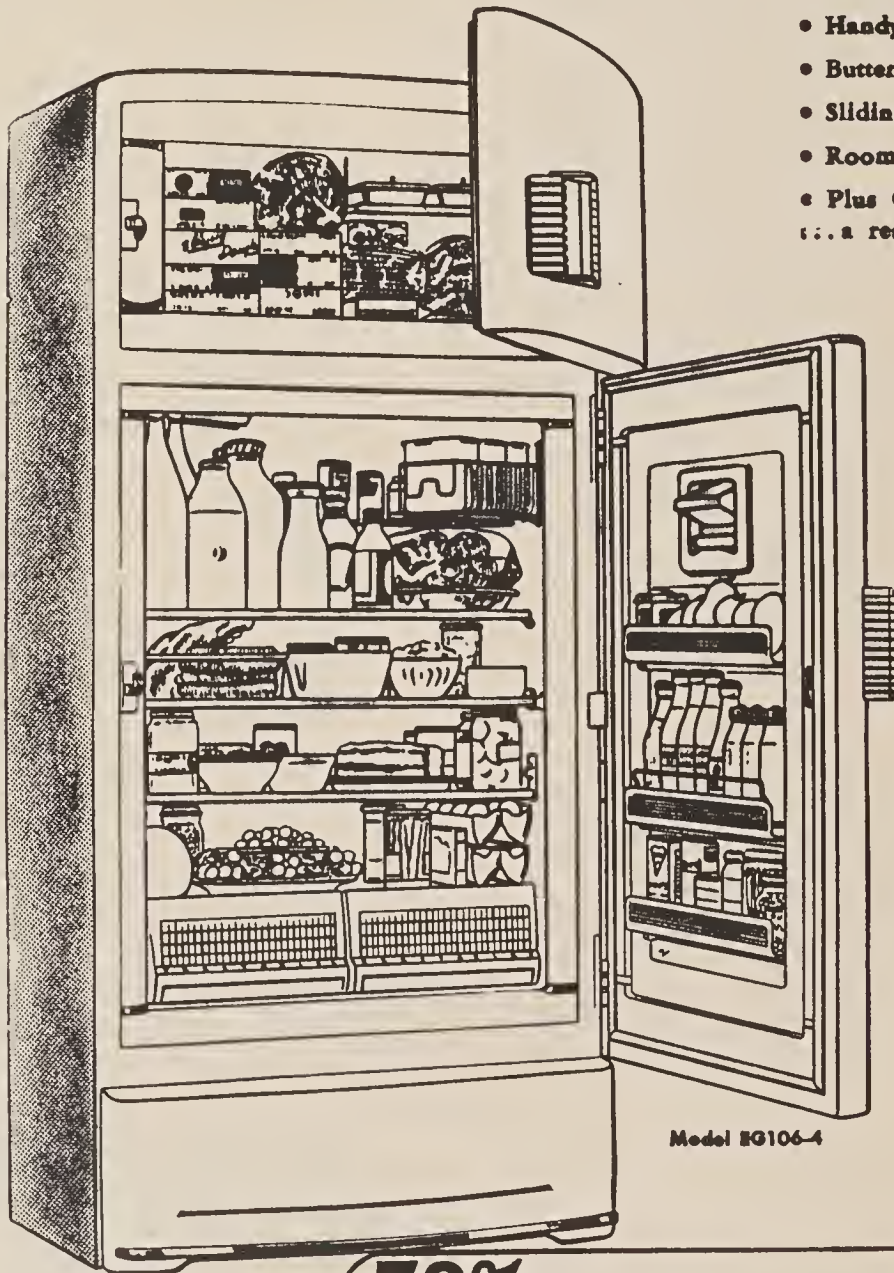
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## KNOW YOUR CO-OP

Q. What is "area coverage"?

A. It means that everyone in the co-op's service area who wants electricity may join the cooperative and be connected as soon as lines can be financed through REA.

Q. Does this include farmers who live in thinly settled areas?

A. Yes. It is a pattern to extend electric service to scattered farmsteads as well as to more densely settled sections.

Q. Are co-ops planning to serve people in isolated sections?

A. Yes. It was the need for electricity by rural people in sparsely settled areas that influenced Congress to create the REA lending program.

Q. Are the co-ops obligated then to serve farms and homes in the thin areas?

A. Their moral obligation is clear. This is a service that the commercial power companies were unable or unwilling to do. Congress has provided through the REA the necessary credit on easy terms whereby groups of rural people who need electricity can finance their own power systems on a non-profit basis. It was not the intent of the law to set up co-ops or ordinary companies with the privilege of limiting service to selected profitable areas.

Q. Don't some farmers live too far from lines to make service practical?

A. No. It is believed that eventually every farm and home within the co-ops service area can be offered central station electric lights and power through the co-op by

careful layout of the system lines, by savings through new developments in construction and installation, by balancing the thinner areas with the more densely settled districts, and by large enough use of electric power for farm production to make the heavy installation costs worthwhile.

Q. Just the same, wouldn't my own electric bill be smaller if these scattered farms were not connected to the co-op lines?

A. Possibly, but probably not. Anyway, if this view had been taken from the beginning of the REA program most of us who now enjoy co-op electricity would still be using kerosene lamps.

Q. Are co-ops socialistic or Communistic?

A. No. Co-ops are home-owned by the people who formed them to serve their own needs. Socialism and Communism mean ownership and control by the government. Co-ops are a form of economic democracy and have always opposed dictatorship.

Q. Should REA financed co-ops work with other co-ops?

A. Certainly. Many members of electric co-ops are members of other co-ops at the same time. Most co-ops have a lot of problems in common, and they can all operate better and help their members more by working together.

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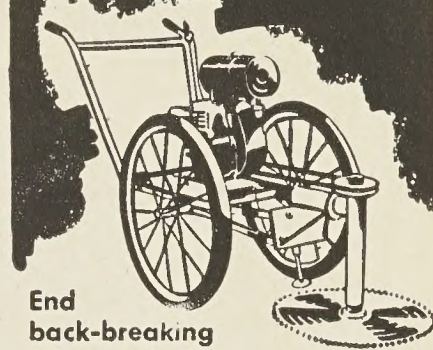
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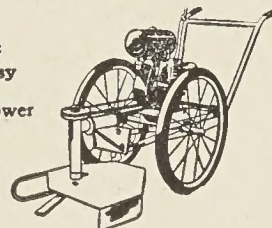
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# Editorially Speaking

## WHERE ARE THE KILOWATTS COMING FROM?

In one year, the amount of electric power used by rural consumers on REA-financed lines jumped 25 per cent. That is probably the most important nugget of knowledge contained in REA's statistical report for the year 1950. It is doubly important because it shows that farmers are buying electric horsepower, in the form of the electric motor, on an increasing scale for agricultural production. That may be one of the few bright rays of light in an otherwise dark emergency.

There are four times as many farmers in Russia as in the United States. But each American farmer can produce four times the farm output of one Russian farmer! Why? Because, as in industry, we are far ahead of the vast land behind the iron curtain in development and use of modern techniques and sciences for production.

We shall not ever underestimate the value of that production advantage. It's our main one, for Russia possesses 33 per cent more manpower than we, occupies a third of the Northern Hemisphere—over twice our area—and has overwhelmingly larger military forces on the ground and in the air at the present time. Even in the matter of military equipment, however, our technological advantage helps balance the scales.

### Power-Use Up 25 Per Cent

Electrification on the farm, though, is something like the atom bomb when you weigh our advantages and disadvantages compared with Russia. It's an advantage which can slip away from us if we stand still, content to use electricity for lighting and home appliances. Since we're approaching the 90 per cent mark in farm electrification, to maintain this advantage we've got to make more and more use of it in agricultural production.

REA's 1950 statistics happily indicate we are doing that. The increase in connected consumers on lines financed by that agency in rural areas went up only about 10 per cent, while use of power jumped 25 per cent. Furthermore, our progress can be gauged by the cryptic remark, "The increase in 1950 over 1949 was substantially greater than the entire amount of power distributed by REA borrowers in the first year of World War II." REA might also have noted that most of the added kilowatts are going into horsepower, rather than light bulbs, this time for productive

purposes which help meet the threat of aggression.

### Need More Power

But there's a catch to this increased use of electricity on the farm. Where are the kilowatts, the raw wholesale energy, coming from to meet this huge increase in demand? "That," says the 1950 REA report, "is the most difficult and the most important (problem) now facing the program."

There you have the key to the conflict between private power companies and rural electric cooperative organizations in some areas. The rural systems are faced with huge increases in the demand of their member-consumers for power, and some of them are convinced they must build power plants of their own to obtain reliable, adequate supplies of energy in the future. Power companies supply them with over 50 per cent of their wholesale requirements, but the rural systems say they have failed to provide for rapidly increasing farm loads.

A study of REA's statistics for the past year indicate the power companies selling rural systems wholesale power really have little basis for their bitter opposition to

## WHO CAN DENY IT?

By Claude R. Wickard

(Paragraph from a talk by Administrator Wickard at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Grange.)

I am sure that no fair-minded person can deny the fact that not only farm people but the entire nation has greatly benefited from it. (REA program). It has not been a subsidy. It has not been a burden on the taxpayer. In fact, it has greatly increased the taxable income and the taxable wealth of this country. In addition, it has enabled farmers to produce more efficiently to meet the growing needs of this nation and other nations with which we are allied. As we prepare for the defense of democracy, the whole nation should be grateful that as many farmers in this country have electricity as is the case today. Of course, not only is it important that farmers have electricity but that the service that is available to them is reliable and low-cost. Otherwise, they cannot get the full benefit from it.

REA loans. Loans for generating and transmission facilities which can provide rural areas with independent sources of power. Private companies collected \$79,000,000 for wholesale power they sold to rural electrics in 1950—an increase of \$12,000,000 over 1949 despite new REA-financed power plants.

Looking ahead to the problem of meeting the big increase in rural power demands, REA approved loans for power plants which will produce a total of 400,000,000 KWH a year. But last year, the report shows REA borrowers used 1,573,000,000 more kilowatt hours than in 1949. When loads grow nearly four times the new generating capacity financed by REA in the same year, it shows private power companies have little reason to complain bitterly each time such loans are approved.

## APPLIANCE SUPPLY

Trying to predict how bad the electric appliance supply picture is going to be during 1951 is about like trying to predict what the international situation is going to be. You know that it is not going to be too good unless a miracle takes place, but you do not know just how bad it is likely to be.

Right now optimistic manufacturers are hoping that they will be able to produce about two-thirds of the civilian goods they turned out in 1949. Since 1949 was a peak year and urban buying has been slowed considerably by credit restrictions, this would not result in too much of a pinch in consumer supplies.

The catch in any predictions is that indications are that this optimistic wish has already gone the way of aluminum wrap by the first week in January. One large manufacturer announced that one-third of the orders he had piled up at that time were defense orders, and the D.O.'s get top priority. That seemed to be "situation normal" among electrical manufacturers and it was getting worse instead of better. Since plants are running at or near capacity and those orders are backlogging, a cut is going to have to be made in civilian production to equal that one-third of capacity now going into defense goods plus that part needed to catch up on the backlogged orders.

In addition to the limitation on production facilities, the manufacturers of electrical appliances will be hit by material shortages.

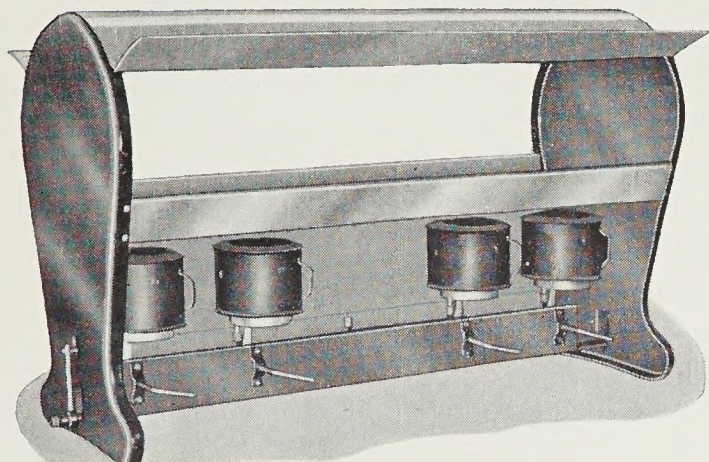
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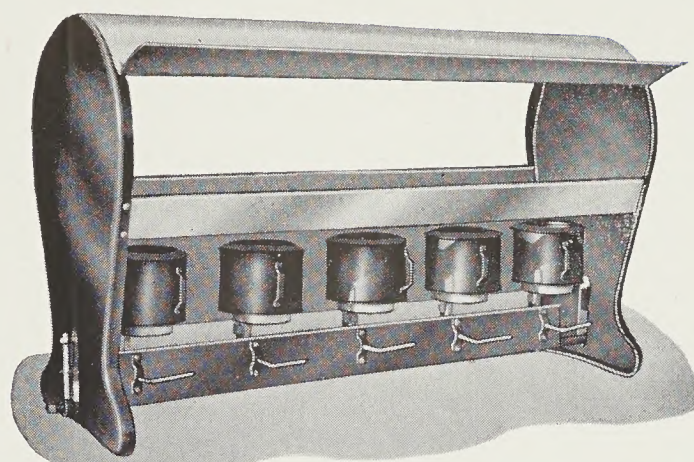
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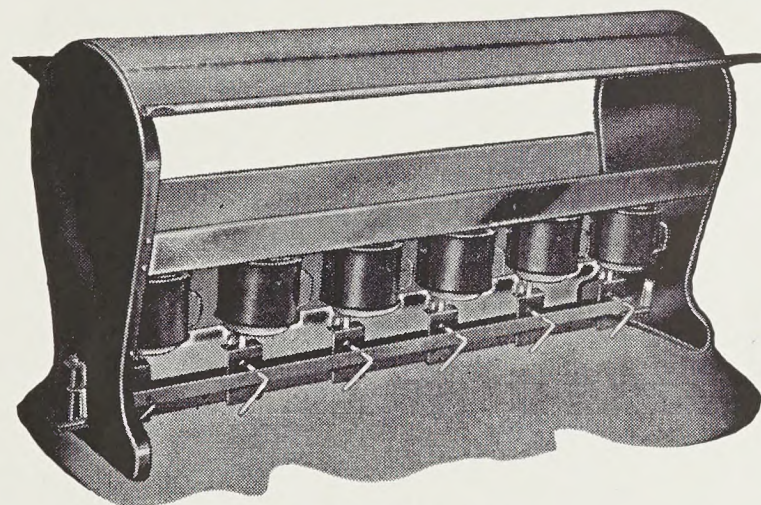
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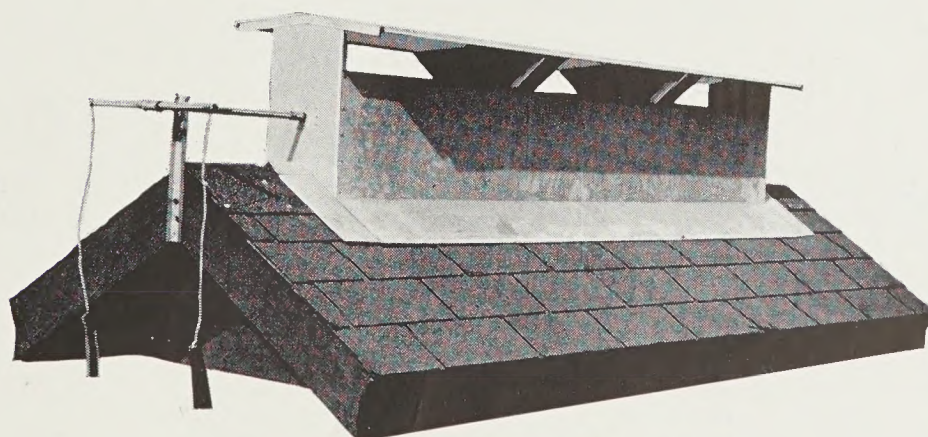
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